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TAGS: PORG, MARR, UNSC, LE, IS

SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: SENEGALESE CONTINGENT

1. UN SECRETARIAT TOLD US AFTERNOON APRIL 14 THAT FRG,
BECAUSE OF OTHER AIRLIFT COMMITMENTS FOR UNIFIL,
CANNOT RPT NOT PROVIDE AIRLIFT FOR SENEGALESE CONTINGENT.
UN CONFIRMED ITS REQUEST THAT U.S. PROVIDE AIRLIFT FROM
DAKAR TO LEBANON. SENEGALESE IN DISCUSSING AIRLIFT
WITH UN REQUESTED SPECIFICALLY THAT SENEGALESE TROOPS
NOT BE OFFLOADED IN TEL AVIV.

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2. AN ADDITIONAL ELEMENT IS ISRAELI'S DISTASTE FOR
SENEGALESE TROOPS. ISRAELI MISSION TOLD US THAT ISRAEL
LODGED FORMAL PROTEST TO PROPOSAL FOR SENEGALESE
CONTINGENT, BUT HAVE NOT PURSUED MATTER. UN TOOK NOTE
OF PROTEST BUT IN THE INTEREST OF RAPID BUILDUP OF
UNIFIL TOOK DECISION TO MOVE AHEAD WITH SENEGAL
CONTINGENT ANYWAY. (AS DEPARTMENT AWARE ISRAEL AND

SENEGAL HAVE NOT HAD DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS SINCE OCTOBER 1973.)

3. WE TOLD UN OF OUR AGREEMENT TO AIRLIFT SENEGALESE AND OUR HOPE THAT FIRST UNITS CAN BE BROUGHT INTO AREA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE MENTIONED POSSIBLE TARGET DATE OF APRIL 20-21 WHICH UN SECRETARIAT SAID THEY WOULD CONVEY IMMEDIATELY TO SENEGALESE. SECRETARIAT SEEMED WELL AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SENEGALESE ARRIVING WITHIN THE COMING WEEK IF AT ALL POSSIBLE AND ARE CHECKING AGAIN WITH SENEGALESE ON POSSIBILITY OF LIFTING THEM TO BEN GURION. IF SENEGALESE AGREE, WE ARE INCLINED TO THINK ISRAELIS COULD BE PERSUADED TO DO SO AS WELL. LEONARD

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